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SUBJECT: WDNR Environmental Assessment for Larson Acres Record of Decision Review

Fitchburg, Wis. – Larson Acres, Inc operates a 2,668 animal (2,920 animal units) dairy at 18218 W Highway 59 in Evansville (Main Facility) and a Heifer Facility, located at 17162 West County Road B, Brodhead, Wisconsin. Larson Acres proposes to construct new buildings, add 2,607 animals (2,660 animal units) and install a wastewater treatment system at the Main Facility. This activity requires Department review and approval of the proposed plans and specifications as well as review and approval of an application to re-issue an existing Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. These actions required the Department to conduct a Type II Environmental Assessment under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA).

The proposed Department action is not anticipated to result in significant adverse environmental effects. The Department has determined that an environmental impact statement will not be required for this action. This recommendation does **not** represent approval from other DNR sections, which may also require a review of the project.

The revised environmental assessment includes responses to public comments (both written and verbal), revisions made to the body of the assessment and additional attachments obtained during the comment period. Copies of the revised environmental assessment that led to the DNR's determination can be viewed on-line at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/es/science/eis/eis.htm> or can be obtained from Mark Cain, Animal Waste Engineer, Animal Waste Program, (608) 275-3252, Mark.Cain@wisconsin.gov and/or Eric Heggelund, Wastewater Specialist, (608) 275-3283, Eric.Heggelund@wisconsin.gov